



March 24, 2004

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Notice

In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board re Recommended Decision, CC 96-45

In the Matter of Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime,
CC Docket No. 01-92

In the Matter of Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116

In the Matter of Voice Over Internet Protocol, WC 04-36

In the Matter of Western Wireless Petition for Rulemaking to Eliminate Rate-of-
Return Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, RM-10822, CC 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, March 23, 2004, Randy Morgan from Pioneer Telephone Cooperative in Philomath, Oregon and the undersigned met with Scott Bergmann, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein for Wireline Issues. Mr. Morgan discussed his company, the services it provides and the challenges it faces. The group also discussed NTCA's opposition to the primary line restriction on universal service support and the need for continued regulatory protections for rural telephone companies. Mr. Morgan talked about his number portability implementation and the group discussed the fact that rural telephone companies must be compensated for transporting traffic to distant switches.

The attached materials were left with Mr. Bergmann.

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In accordance with the Commission's rules, an original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's Office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jill Canfield at 703-351-2020.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jill Canfield
Jill Canfield
Senior Regulatory Counsel
Legal and Industry

Attachments

cc: Scott Bergmann